



# Maryland Agriculture Data

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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### Corn Maturing Faster than Normal

With the exception of hit or miss thundershowers over the weekend, last week was characterized by hot, dry weather. The extended drought conditions are taking a toll on corn and soybeans. Over half of the **corn** crop is rated in poor to very poor condition. Corn progress is ahead of schedule with 86 percent **silked**, matching last year and 5 percent ahead of the five year average. Corn in the **dough** stage is 48 percent, 1 percent ahead of last year, and 13 percent ahead of the average. Any moisture that may be received may not benefit corn, but should help **soybeans** which are also progressing ahead of schedule. Soybeans are 53 percent **bloomed**, running 4 percent ahead of both last year and the five year average. Thirty percent of the crop is **setting pods**, 3 percent behind last year, and 2 percent ahead of the average.

Soil moisture declined last week due to the dry conditions. **Topsoil** moisture is rated 17 percent adequate, 51 percent short, and 32 percent very short. **Subsoil** is rated 12 percent in adequate supply, 35 percent short, and 53 percent very short.

\*\*The Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service will issue the first corn and soybean yield forecasts August 12<sup>th</sup>.\*\*

### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 4, 2002 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1997-2001
Harvesting Progress:				
Apples	8	- -	7	6
Cantaloupes	52	44	33	51
Cucumbers	60	58	59	60
Lima beans, for processing only	20	15	44	21
Peaches	58	25	34	33
Potatoes	56	43	81	78
Snap beans	65	62	59	54
Sweet Corn	55	52	38	55
Tomatoes	25	20	38	38
Watermelons	19	14	28	33
Crop Progress				
Corn, silked	86	74	86	81
Corn, dough	48	32	47	35
Corn, dent	8	2	18	10
Sorghum, headed	16	10	53	53
Soybeans, bloomed	53	41	49	49
Soybeans, setting pods	30	11	33	28
Tobacco, bloomed	50	42	55	65
Tobacco, topped	28	17	39	30
Hay Harvested:				
Other hay, 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	45	42	33	30
Alfalfa, 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	66	52	66	56

### CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 4, 2002 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	31	24	24	20	1
Sorghum	0	0	100	0	0
Soybeans	22	28	33	17	0
Tobacco	5	32	40	23	0
Range & Pasture	32	28	30	10	0

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